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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME AND
AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE DEPOSIT ACCOUNT THEREFORE**

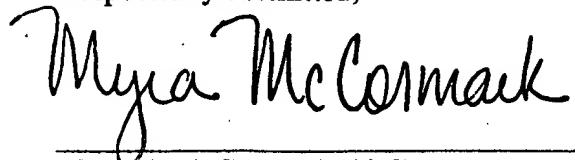
Dear Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the July 25, 2003 Official Action for three (3) month(s) from October 25, 2003 to January 25, 2004.

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